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ATTACHMENT 1. New abstract, taken from the PCT publication (WO 99/17303; PCT/RU98/00301), with additions and deletions marked.

## - ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to an X-ray absorbing material [which] that can be used in medicine as well as in the [production] manufacture of special [protection clothes, protection] protective clothing, protective screens, housings, [protection] protective coatings and isolation materials. In a first embodiment, the material uses as a filler a polydispersed [kneading-segregated] mixture, segregated by kneading and containing metallic particles having a size [of] between 10<sup>-9</sup> and 10<sup>-3</sup> m, wherein [said] the particles are bonded to the surface of a textile base. The density of the material is defined by the relation  $q_N = (0.01 - .020)q_P$ , where  $q_N$  is filler. In a second embodiment, [this] the invention uses as a filler the above [-mentioned] mixture, although here [though] the particles are surrounded by the volume of a matrix made of a compound that solidifies under atmospheric pressure. The total mass of the poly-dispersed and segregated mixture is defined by the relation M = (0.05 - 0.5)m, where M is the total mass of the X-ray absorbing poly-dispersed and segregated filler, while m is the equivalent mass of the filler material [which] that is equal [by its protective] in protective properties to the mass M. In a third embodiment, [this] the invention uses as a filler the above [-mentioned] mixture [though] with the particles [are] bonded to an intermediate substrate consisting of a textile base and surrounded by the volume of a matrix. -

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ATTACHMENT 2. Amended claims 1-3 with additions and deletions marked.

1. (Amended) An X-ray absorbing material comprising a matrix with a fixed X-ray absorbing metal-containing filler in the form of dispersed particles, wherein said <u>filler</u> material [uses as a filler the segregated by intermixing] <u>is</u> a poly-dispersed mixture <u>that</u> <u>has been segregated by intermixing and that contains</u> [containing] metallic particles having a size [of] between 10<sup>-9</sup> and 10<sup>-3</sup> m [while] <u>fixed in</u> a textile base <u>that</u> serves as a matrix; and wherein the particles are bonded to the surface of <u>and embedded in</u> said textile base, and <u>where</u> the density of <u>the</u> X-ray absorbing material as a whole, [at] <u>given that the</u> X-ray absorbing properties [being] <u>are</u> equal to those of the material used for the particles of the X-ray absorbing filler, is defined by the relation:

 $[pm = (0.01 \div 0.20)pp] pm = (0.01 - 0.20)pp,$ 

where pm is the density of the X-ray absorbing material as a whole, and [while] pp is the density of the material used for the particles of the X-ray absorbing filler.

2. (Amended) An X-ray absorbing material comprising a matrix with a fixed X-ray absorbing metal-containing filler in the form of dispersed particles, where said <u>filler</u> material [uses as a filler the segregated by intermixing] <u>is a poly-dispersed mixture that has been segregated by intermixing and that contains</u> [containing] metallic particles having a size [of] between 10<sup>-9</sup> and 10<sup>-3</sup> m, wherein [the] said particles are surrounded by the

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volume of a matrix that is made of at least one compound that solidifies under atmospheric pressure, or made of a [the] composition derived from a [on the] base of the same compound, and the total mass of the segregated \_\_\_\_ poly-dispersed mixture consisting of particles of the X-ray absorbing filler [,] is defined by the relation:

 $M = [(0.05 \div 0.5)] (0.05 - 0.5) m,$ 

where M is the total mass of the segregated poly-[disperse] <u>dispersed</u> mixture consisting of the X-ray [-] absorbing filler particles, <u>and</u>

[while] m is the equivalent mass of the X-ray absorbing filler material equal [by its] in protective properties to [the] mass M.

3. (Amended) An X-ray absorbing material comprising a matrix with a fixed X-ray absorbing metal-containing filler in the form of dispersed particles, where [the] said filler material [uses as a filler the segregated by intermixing] is a poly-dispersed mixture containing metallic particles having a size [of] between 10<sup>-9</sup> and 10<sup>-3</sup> m, wherein [the] said particles are bonded to an intermediate substrate surround by the volume of [a] the matrix formed of at least one compound that solidifies under pressure [or executed of a composition on the base of said compound].